



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

7 th December	Christmas Luncheon
December	NO General Meeting
December	NO Men's Coffee Club
December	NO Ladies' Coffee Club
2024	
4 th January	Committee Meeting
11 th January	General Meeting
24 th January	Men's Coffee Club



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Christmas season brings with it a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation to those who have touched our lives.

It is said that the most precious gift we can give is our time. When we give of our time, we give a little of ourselves and indeed, a small part of our lives to others. The Probus Club of Moss Vale is in many ways a social microcosm of men who willingly spend a significant portion of their time together. Over the past 12 months, our Club Committee members especially have willingly given of their time and skills to ensure that the many facets of our Club run smoothly. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented and experienced group of leaders.

The Christmas and New Year season is of course a time for both new beginnings and for reflection. We quietly contemplate our future aspirations as we anticipate another of earth's journeys around the sun. As I take stock and close my own 2023 chapter and I look forward to 2024, I can't help but feel grateful for our 2023 Club year. We have been fortunate in our monthly general meetings to have heard some fascinating speakers from so many varied backgrounds, each of whom has inspired, enlightened and at times challenged us. Whilst every month there has been spirited debate and happy conversation at the Coffee Club Meetings. The year also saw many wonderful tours and social events. But in the end dear members, no matter the size or scale of the event, it has been by our own participation - be it large or small, that

we have each helped further our Club's core objectives of fun, friendship and fellowship.

I feel proud and honoured to be the 2023 President of this great Club and my own wish is that in 2024 we will all work together to welcome many new members who will also share the benefits that we currently enjoy.

To close, I wish you and all who are dear to you, a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2024. May it give you joy, happiness and bring you closer to all those whom you treasure in your heart.

Michael Hissey

President 2023

Probus Club of Moss Vale

SPECIAL NOTE



The Christmas Luncheon on 7th December will represent our last meeting for the year but we will meet again on the second Thursday, 11th January at the usual time and place. You will also notice that neither of the coffee clubs meet in December as well. Until January, I wish you all, health, happiness and a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Bruce Pearson (Editor)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Dash

Peter Evans

Tom May

Grant Winberg

John McCullagh

A special mention to John McCullagh who turns ninety this month. Enjoy your special celebration!

The birthday wine draw will be postponed until our general meeting in January 2024.

FINANCE

Opening Balance Nov 1	\$8485.13
Closing Balance Nov 30	\$9067.13
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$3272.00
Current Net Balance	\$5595.13

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	71
Non-Active Members	11
Total Members	82

WANTED

Geoff MacBean is desperately seeking speakers for our guest speaker spot for the coming year. If you know of any person with an interesting background, story, occupation, hobby, talent, adventure or whatever Geoff would appreciate hearing from you.

Guest speakers generally have around 50 minutes to address the club members with a few questions afterwards. They have full use of the facilities including the microphone, computer and digital projector for their presentation.

Guest speakers are not paid but receive a bottle of wine as a token of our appreciation.

If you can help please contact Geoff on 0438 789 193 as soon as possible.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Bookings have closed for the Annual Christmas Luncheon, and it is great to see the large number of bookings for the day. We look forward to sharing your company on Thursday, 7th December at 12 for 12.30. Questions? Call Gordon on 0418 343 556.

RAMSES

Bookings have also closed for the trip to the Australian museum in Sydney for the Rames exhibition 20th February, 2024. This also received a good response and I think it will be a highlight of the next year. Participants will be advised of further arrangements closer to the date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions call John on 0414 255 770.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

It was almost Christmas and a husband in his sixties was looking for a Christmas present. Knowing his wife loved antiques, he bought a beautiful old brass oil lamp for her.

When she unwrapped it, a genie magically appeared. The genie thanked them for releasing him and gave each of them one wish.

The wife wished for an all-expenses paid, first class, around the world cruise with her husband.

Shazam! Instantly she was presented with tickets for the entire journey, plus expensive side trips, dinners, shopping, etc.

The husband, however, wished he had a female companion who was 30 years younger.

Shazam! Instantly he turned 93 years old.



A fine bunch of ex-presidents at their annual President's Luncheon at Robertson.